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Tothe Lords and Commons

of PARLIAMENT Affembled at WESTMINSTER: CONCERNING

A Treaty for Peace.

With the Answer of both Houses thereunto; sent to His Majesty to Oxford, March 9. 1643.

Die Martis, 12 Mart. 1643.

Redered this day by the Lords in Parliament, that the Printer belonging to the House of Peeres shall print His Majesties Letter dated the 3 of March; and the Answer thereunto sent to His Majesty from both Houses of Parliament, dated the 9 of this instant. And that no man shall presume to reprint the said Letter and Answer, as he will answer the contrary to this House at his perill.

Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

Printed for Iohn Wright in the Old-baily,
March. 13. 1643.

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LORDS AND COMMONS OF

PARLIAMENT

Assembled at Westminster.

CHARLES REX,

pions lence of the lad and bleeding condition of this Dur Kingdom, and Dur unwearied delives to apply all Remedies which by the bleeding of Almighty God may recover it from an inter ruine; By the advice of the Lords and Commons of Parliament allembled at Oxford, The doe propound and delive, That a convenient number of fit persons may be A2 appoint

appointed and authorised by you to incet (with all convenient speed, at such place as pouthall nominate) with an equal number of fit persons, tohom The Gall appoint and authorize to Treat of the waies and meanes to lettle the present diffractions of this Dur Kingdome, and to procure a happy Peace; And particularly, how all the Meinbers of both boules may lecturely mest in a free and full Convention of Parliament, there to treat, confult, and agree upon such things as map conduce to the maintenance and defence of the true-Reformed Protestant Religion, with due confideration to all just and reasonable ease of tender consciences; To the setting and maintaining of Our just Rights and Dieros gatives, of the Rights and Priviledges of Parliament, the Lawes of the Land, the Liberty and Property of the Subject, and all other expedients that map conduce to that bledled end of a firme and latting Peace, both in Church and State, and a perfect unders standing bestwirt Us and Our Deople: Where: in no endeabours of concurrency of Ones thall be wanting. And God direct your hearts in the waies of Peace. Oxford, the 3 of March. 1643.



Mayit please Your Majestie;

E the Lords and Commons affembled in the Parliament of England, taking into our confideration a Letter fent from Your Majestie, dated the third of March instant, and directed,

To the Lords and Commons of Parliament assembled at Westminster (which by the contents of a Letter from the Earle of Forth unto the Lord Generall the Earle of Essex, we conceive was intended to Our selves) have resolved, with the concurrent advice and consent of the Commissioners of the Kingdome of Scotland, to represent to Your Majesty in all humility, and plainnesse, as followeth:

Hat as we have used all meanes for a just and a safe Peace; so will we never be want-

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ing to doe our utmost for the procuring thereof: But when we consider the Expressions in that Letter of Your Majesties, we have more sad and despairing thoughts of attaining the same, then ever; because thereby those persons now assembled at Oxford, who contrary to their duty have deserted Your Parliament, are put into an equall condition with it: And this present Parliament, convened according to the knowne and fundamentall Lawes of the Kingdome (the continuance whereof is established by a Law consented unto by Your Majesty) is in effect denied to be a Parliament; the scope and intention of that Letter being, to make provision, how all the Members (as is pretended) of both Houses may securely meet in a full and free Convention of Parliament; whereof no other conclusion can be made, but that this present Parliament is not a full nor free Convention: And that to make it a full and free Convention of Parliament, the presence of those is necessary; who, notwithstanding that they have deserted that great Trust, and doe leavy Warre against the Parliament, are pretended to be Members of the two Houses of Parliament.

And hereupon we thinke our selves bound to

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let Your Majesty know, That seeing the continuance of this Parliament is setled by a Law (which as all other Laws of Your Kingdomes) Your Majestie hath sworne to maintaine, as we are sworne to our allegiance to Your Majesty (these obligations being Reciprocall) we must in duty, and accordingly are resolved with our Lives and Fortunes to defend and preserve the just Rights and full Power of this Parliament; And doe beseech Your Majesty to bee assured, That Your Majesties Royall and hearty concurrence with us herein, will be the most effectuall and ready meanes of procuring a firme and lasting Peace in all Your Majesties Dominions; and of begetting a perfect Understanding be-tweene Your Majesty and Your People: without which Your Majesties most earnest Profesfions, and our most reall Intentions concerning the same, must necessarily bee frustrated. And in case Your Majesties three Kingdomes should by reason thereof remaine in this fad and bleeding condition, tending (by the Continuance of this unnaturall warre) to their Ruine; Your Majesty cannot bee the least, nor the last Sufferer. God in his Goodnesse, incline Your Royall breast, out of pitty and

compassion to those deepe sufferings of Your Innocent people, to put a speedy, and happy Issue
to these desperate Evils, by the joynt Advice of
both your Kingdomes now happily united in this
Cause by their late solemne League and Covenant; which as it will prove the surest Remedy;
so it is the earnest prayer of Your Majesties Loyall Subjects, The Lords and Commons assembled in the
Parliament of England. Westminster, the 9. of March
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